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R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles extends license, credential expiration dates

*DMV administrator uses new state law to increase validity period
of licenses, registrations due to lapse in July*

CRANSTON, R.I. – Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles Administrator Walter R. “Bud” Craddock today announced that he has extended the validity periods for Rhode Island motor-vehicle credentials with July 2017 expiration dates to **Sept. 30.**

The extension, which applies to license, registrations and other credentials **due to expire between July 1, 2017 and July 31, 2017**, is the latest in a series of steps Craddock has taken to minimize the disruption of DMV services to Rhode Islanders due to the Division’s computer system launch on July 5.

This “grace period” announcement follows action this week to extend the validity period for temporary license plates from 20 to 40 days. In addition, the Transportation Security Administration has informed the Division that individuals carrying Rhode Island credentials that expire during the computer transition period should not encounter difficulty during domestic air travel. **It is recommended that Rhode Islanders with expired credentials bring a second form of ID as well.**

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“I want to thank the General Assembly, and Governor Raimondo, for enacting legislation that will give me, and future Division administrators, the authority to accommodate Rhode Islanders whenever DMV operations could be affected by major events such as natural disasters, emergencies or other circumstances, such as the computer system upgrade,” said DMV Administrator Walter R. “Bud” Craddock. “The Division’s computer system launch is an infrastructure project with significant implications for the state.

“Rhode Islanders who have credentials due to expire in July would be the first affected by the project launch. They now can be assured the Division is doing all that it can to minimize the disruption they may experience as a result of the project.”

Lead sponsors of the legislation were Sen. Louis P. DiPalma, D-District 12 (Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Tiverton) and Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy, D-District 38 (Hopkinton, Westerly).

The state is committed to a transparent effort that will inform Rhode Islanders of the computer project’s progress toward its July 5 “go-live” date and important details they will need to complete transactions. For more information, visit www.dmv.ri.gov and click on the “DMV Customer Alerts” section.

The Division will hold a press conference, **Thursday, July 29 at 2 p.m. at DMV headquarters, 600 New London Ave., third floor**, to provide details on the workings of the “grace period.” Administrator Craddock will be joined by Robert S. Hull, director of the Rhode Island Department of Revenue.

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